Honor Platoon 1002



Senior Drill Instructor Gunnery Sgt. Vernon Geter and Drill Instructor Staff Sgt. David Bauman led Platoon 1002, Alpha Co., 1st RTBn., to become this week's Honor Platoon. The platoon achieved an academic average of 99.8, a final drill score of 69.9 and a physical fitness test average of 249.3. The platoon also qualified 98.8 percent of its recruits on the rifle range and had a training efficiency of 97.6 percent.

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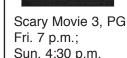
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This Week's

Graduation Reviewing Officer

Navy Capt. Kent G. Knudson

Reviewing today's graduation is Navy Capt. Kent G. Knudson. A native of San Antonio, Texas, Knudson is a graduate of Texas Lutheran University where he received his Bachelor of Science in biology in 1980. He was commissioned as an ensign in the Naval Reserve while attending the University of Texas Dental School at San Antonio. He reported to the Depot to provide dental care after receiving his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree 1983.

In October 1984 he was transferred to Okinawa, Japan, with 11th Dental Company, 3rd Dental Battalion as assistant dental officer/division officer. He transferred to Branch Dental Clinic, Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Fla., in December 1985. He completed his master's degree in management with Troy State University and graduated from the Marine Corps Institute Amphibious Warfare Non-Resident Program. He reported aboard USS

Inchon as Dental Department Head in June 1988, deploying during the ship's successful competition for the Battle "E." In June 1990, Knudson was selected for, and completed, the Advanced Clinical Program in Endodontics at Naval Dental Center, Norfolk, Va. The following year, he was selected as the Dental Corps representative to attend the Marine Corps Command and Staff College at Quantico, Va., graduating in June 1992.

Upon his arrival at 2nd Dental Company, 2nd Dental Battalion at Camp Lejeune, N.C., he assumed responsibilities as Endodontics Department Head and coordinated dental deployment readiness for the 2nd Marine Division.

Upon selection Commander, he reported to Branch Dental Clinic, Naval Air Station Cecil Field, Fla., in July 1994. From June to November 1995, he served as officer in charge of the field dental clinics providing dental care to more than 16,000 Cuban immigrants during Operation Sea Signal in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In June 1996, he was awarded fellowship status in the Academy of General Dentistry. He was assigned as the

"Plankowner" Dental Department Head aboard the USS Harry S. Truman in January 1997 for duty in connection with the construction and fitting out of the Dental Department as well as initiation of dental care on board.

He was selected for captain in 1999 and assumed duty as Company Commander, 21st Dental Company, 3rd Dental Battalion at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, supporting Marine Corps and Navy operations in the Pacific. In September 2001, he assumed duties aboard Navy Personnel Command in Millington, to Tenn., as Senior Dental Corps Assignments Officer and reported to the Depot Naval Dental Center as Executive Officer in June 2003.

> Knudson's decorations include the Surface Warfare Medical Department (Dental) Officer device, Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with three gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Honor Graduates

Congratulations to the following Marines who will graduate with honors today:

Alpha Co., 1st RTBn.

Private First Class Alvah R. Childs III, Buford, Ga., Platoon 1000 honor graduate. He was recruited by Staff Sgt. Corey Guthrei and trained by Staff Sgt. Travis D. Perkins.

Private First Class Travis Rowland, Bucyrus, Ohio, Platoon 1001 honor graduate. He was recruited by Staff John Marks and trained by Staff Sgt. Michael S. Polson.

Private First Class Lamon B. Tosh, Jackson, Tenn., Platoon 1002 honor graduate. He was recruited by Staff Sgt. Terry M. Elliot and trained by Gunnery Sgt. Vernon L. Geter.

Private First Class Charles F. Rute, Easton, Pa., Platoon 1004 honor graduate. He was recruited by Staff Sgt. Eric S. Maravilla and trained by Gunnery Sgt. Adrian L. Tagliere.

Lance Cpl. Brandon D. Robinson, Atlanta, Platoon 1005 honor graduate. He was recruited by Staff Sgt. Wayne J. Martin and trained by Staff Sgt. Ernie Chavis.

Lance Cpl. Jason D. Sawyer, Atlanta, Company and Platoon 1006 honor graduate. He was recruited by Staff Sgt. Floyd T. Spears and trained by Staff Sgt. Phillip J. Billiot.



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